

STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
Montgomery, Alabama

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TO DIRECTORS, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF HUMAN RESOURCES

FROM Joyce P. O'Neal, Director, Food Stamp Partnership

Revision Number: 155

TRANSMITTAL OF REVISION TO  
Points of Eligibility Manual

Effective Date: October 1, 2003

TYPE OF REVISION/ACTION REQUIRED

☐ New Chapter Material      ☒ Change to Chapter Material      ☐ Other (specify)  
☐ Update to Appendix      ☐ Deletion from Appendix

UPON RECEIPT, REVIEW, IMPLEMENT, AND REVISE YOUR MANUAL.

Page/Section Number

P.O.E. Chapter 4, Page 4; Chapter 9, Page 7, Chapter 11, Pages 31 and 31.1.

Subject/Description of Revision

**Restoration of Eligibility to Qualified Aliens Under Age Eighteen**

Beginning October 1, 2003, qualified alien children under the age of 18 are eligible for food stamps regardless of their date of entry into the United States.

Additionally, the deeming requirements for immigrant children have been eliminated. The income and resources of a sponsor and the sponsor's spouse shall continue to be deemed to the sponsored adult alien. The child's prorata share of the sponsor's income shall be excluded. Make reference to policy in Chapter 11 of the Points of Eligibility Manual for instructions on determining the income to count for a sponsored alien age 18 and over.

Current policy shall continue to apply to those households who file initial applications prior to October 1, 2003 which include a household member who is affected by this change. This member should be added to the food stamp budget for October. The household should be notified of the change in the allotment at the time of approval of the application. The trial budget screen should be utilized to determine the affect of this change on the household's October allotment. The new October trial budget should be available for use on September 15, 2003.

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Deputy Commissioner for Programs

Title

Date

Initial applications filed on or after September 1, 2003 in which all members are determined ineligible aliens, but due to change in policy will be eligible for October, shall be denied for September. An automated Notice of Denial shall be sent to the household. The same application may be reopened to certify the household for October 2003, if otherwise eligible.

Households filing their recertification applications in September with October as the first month of the new certification period, which include an ineligible member who may be eligible under this new provision, will include the eligible member in the budget effective October 1, 2003.

For households already in certification, this change in policy must be applied in conjunction with the processing of any reported change or at next recertification, whichever comes earlier. Households are not required to report a change in a member's immigration status during the certification period. If, however, a change in status is reported, the county office is required to act on the change in accordance with policy found in Chapter 12, Section 1202 of the Points of Eligibility Manual.

Departmental rules will be amended accordingly.

If you have questions regarding this policy and the application of this policy, please contact the State Policy Desk following usual procedures. After you have taken the action required, this letter is obsolete.